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It is a group of Christians that claim no human denominational affiliation — just Christians working and worshipping together at the Lord's word teaches.

If you need Christ as your Lord and Savior, we believe you will find him among the Christians at Valley Station.

Come and see.

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God and Your Children

Psalm 78:1-8

Give ear, O my people, to my law: incline your ears to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings of old, Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, telling to the generation to come the praises of Jehovah, and his strength, and his wondrous works that he hath done. For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children; That the generation to come might know (them), even the children that should be born; who should arise and tell (them) to their children, That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments, And might not be as their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation, a generation that set not their heart aright, and whose spirit was not stedfast with God.

If you have children please realize God's concern for them as well as your duty. The way to have a happy home, a safe neighborhood, and a law-abiding city lies in the care and training we give our children.

The Valley Station Church of Christ is right here in your neighborhood. We have excellent Bible Classes for youngsters and urge you to investigate for yourself.

Visit us Sunday at 9:30 a.m and Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

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A Sunday With No Absentees

There's a story about a church in East Texas that supposedly had some producing oil wells on the church property. The wells were a lucrative source of income for that congregation. On the Sunday the income from the wells was distributed among the members of the congregation there was always 100 percent attendance. The rule was that if a member was not present that day, he lost his part of the revenue.

Don't you imagine that even aunt Sally, whose "folks made her go to church when she was a child, and now doesn't have to go," was there on time? Don't you imagine that uncle Fred who has had arthritis so bad that he couldn't make it to worship for years, suddenly got much better?

How about those folks who just had to go some place to visit a friend or relative? Would they have put that off if it happened to interfere with their presence at the service when money was doled out?

Is the story fact or fiction? It doesn't matter. If it is true, it shows where people have their vested interests. If it is not, it surely teaches us a big lesson.

Christians who, through pure carelessness or indifference, miss the worship with the saints, lose something of far greater value than money. They begin a course of carelessness that endangers their souls. A local church also loses. "What will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

We won't be giving out dividends in cash at Valley Station. We will provide the opportunity for sincere worshipers to show their love and adoration of God. Hope to see you at all services. *Adapted and copied, — DRS*



Thinking About Perfection

If man as he stands in the presence of God Almighty should claim sinless perfection he would be ridiculous. The late Ben M. Bogard is a good example of this. He once said "Jesus Christ remains in us! That prevents sin. My soul sin? No. Has brother Bogard ever sinned? In my soul I do not. I am as perfect as God himself as far as my soul is concerned." -- Hardeman-Bogard Debate, pages 309-310. Bogard, a Baptist through and through, spoke the simple consequences of a wide spread view of salvation that is best known as "Calvinism."

Another example of this is found in a little paper called, "Times of Discovery," edited by Rick DeHaan, and published by the internationally known, "Radio Bible Class." Here is the statement: "First, I need to remember that through faith in Christ I have a legal position of perfection, which covers me whether I am currently pleasing God or not. In Christ, I am always a 'perfect 10.' By dying for me, Christ qualified me for the family of God. He looked for perfection and found it in His Son, whose life I now share by faith."

Those who hold the Calvinistic concept of the imputed righteousness of Christ to the saved have phrased it many diverse ways. But, no matter how eloquently or otherwise it is said, it arrives at the very same theological position. This position is based on the notion that once a person is really saved by the blood of Christ there is

no possible way such a person could ever be lost. The Bible teaches that believers, washed in Christ's blood and fully persuaded that what He did on the cross is sufficient to save the entire world, can so sin as to finally be lost. This does not discredit what Jesus did in dying for the sins of the world. It recognizes the proper balance between what the Lord made possible for believers and the responsibility that puts on believers. Calvinists put too much weight on the side of Christ and His death, which they often call His "work," and virtually nothing on the side of man's responsibility to keep himself in the faith and in the love of God by faithfully living the Christian life.

Being as averse to works as they are, the idea of the Lord working for their perfection before God has become the basic notion held generally by Calvinists.

By divine inspiration, Paul wrote the truth: "Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press on, if so be that I may lay hold on that for which also I was laid hold on by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I could not myself yet to have laid hold: but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." – Phil. 3:12-13

Where the Value Lies

The 19th-century missionary to Africa, David Livingstone, wrote in his diary these words:

"I put no value on anything I possess save in terms of the kingdom of God." Livingstone took seriously Christ's words: "Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness ..." (Matthew 6:33).